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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT : NSA-CIA ELINT Relationships

REFERENCES :

1. NSA Serial N-0341 dated 25 January 1960
2. NSA Serial N-3502 dated 26 August 1959
3. CIA Memorandum SC-03711/59

1. Reference (1) "ELINT Operating Instructions" for the Central Intelligence Agency has been reviewed and is acceptable to this Agency.

2. Reference (2) which established NSA points of contact for the conduct of CIA-NSA SIGINT liaison relationships has also been received and noted. As our relationships in ELINT are somewhat different from those in COMINT, as expressed in reference (3), it is deemed advisable that comparable contact points be established for the conduct of liaison pertinent to ELINT.

3. To facilitate liaison and exchange of correspondence between our agencies, the division of responsibilities within CIA with respect to ELINT activities is given below.

a. Deputy Director/Coordination is generally responsible for reviewing all possibilities for increasing integration, reducing duplication and improving coordination within the intelligence community and to make recommendations to the DCI as appropriate.

b. Assistant Director/Scientific Intelligence is responsible for establishing policy and for formulating and coordinating the CIA ELINT intercept and analysis program

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including negotiations with other U.S. Government authorities having ELINT responsibility, formulation of CIA ELINT requirements, preliminary analysis and evaluation of CIA produced ELINT material.

(1) Under the AD/SI the ELINT Staff Officer has special staff responsibility in connection with the overall Agency ELINT Program as follows:

(a) advising and providing staff assistance to the AD/SI in the formulation, implementation and coordination of Agency ELINT plans, policies and programs;

(b) providing staff technical advice to operational components in the implementation and coordination of approved ELINT plans, policies and programs;

(c) providing staff advice to all Agency components on research and development for ELINT equipment or techniques; and

(d) conducting liaison with other U.S. agencies relative to ELINT plans, policies and programs.

c. Deputy Director/Plans is responsible for the operational control of the CIA ELINT collection activities. Within DD/P this responsibility has been allocated as follows:

(1) Chief, Development Projects Division is responsible for airborne ELINT collection activities.

(2) Chief, Division D/FI Staff is responsible for all ELINT collection activities other than airborne.

d. Director of Communications is largely responsible for technical control, logistic and technical support of the CIA ELINT intercept program.

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e. Assistant Director/Current Intelligence is responsible for providing representation on the Priority Advisory Group/NSA. It has been agreed that the CIA Liaison Officer to NSA for ELINT will serve as the alternate on ELINT matters.

4. In light of the above responsibilities, direct contact is authorized between CIA components and such NSA components as you may designate along the following lines:

a. Requirements, evaluations, and questions of policy, security, signal analysis, training, CIA facilities, and priorities in general support of the National effort should be addressed to the AD/SI and forwarded through the CIA Liaison Office. Informal liaison on these matters may be conducted with the ESO and other OSI components as necessary and mutually agreed.

b. Matters referring to the operational control of CIA ELINT activities including the dissemination of raw material such as logs and tapes should be addressed to either the Chief, Division D, FI Staff or Chief, DPD (in accordance with paragraph 3- c (1) and (2) above) with information copy to the CIA ELINT Liaison Officer/NSA.

c. Matters relating to the technical control, technical support, communications, logistics, equipment and other elements involved in the actual conduct of CIA ELINT intercept activities should be referred to the Director of Communications with an information copy to the CIA ELINT Liaison Officer/NSA.

d. Situations not covered in this memorandum or procedural questions should be referred to the CIA ELINT Liaison Officer/NSA.

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5. It is assumed that NSA SIGINT responsibility, as outlined in reference (2), is also applicable to ELINT. However, as the points of contact outlined are specifically applicable to COMINT, it is requested that NSA furnish this Office with a similar listing of contact points for the conduct of ELINT Liaison.

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